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Annual Catalog
Fall 1937

Harmel Peonies
FOR
FILLING ORDERS
LINING-OUT
SHOW GARDENS
CROWING CUT FLOWERS

HARMEL PEONY CO.
BERLIN, MARYLAND

### Please Read Before Ordering

SMALL ORDERS: Because of the low prices quoted in this catalog, and the high cost of filling small orders, we must request that orders sent to us be for an amount not less than \$3.00.

PARCEL POST CHARGES. Orders from one to ten roots, can generally be shipped cheaper by parcel post. Larger orders should go by express or freight. Owing to the multiplicity of Parcel Post rates to the various Parcel Post zones, we request all "cash-in-advance" customers who desire shipments to be made by Parcel Post, to remit fifteen cents extra for the first root and five cents extra for each additional root. With this arrangement, we anticipate that our losses and gains on postage will be about equal. We reserve the privilege of charging postage at actual cost on shipments going to the far west-ern states.

GIVE US SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS: When ordering please give full shipping address when different from postoffice, and state whether you desire shipment via express or freight.

SIZE OF ROOTS: Our prices are based on liberal, well balanced three to five eye divisions, cut from young, thrifty plants and which should not be confused with divisions cut from old commercial cut-flower clumps that may have lost much of their vitality. The three to five eye divisions, through years of thorough testing, have proven to be the most satisfactory and economical size to buy and we recommend them to our customers.

WHEN WE SHIP: We begin shipping as soon after September first as conditions will permit, and we continue shipping throughout the months of September, October and November, all of which months are equally suitable for successful planting of Peonies. (Fall is the natural season for planting Peonies, and they do not give best results when planted in the spring).

TERMS: Remittance in full with order, less five per cent, from individuals or companies not satisfactorily rated. Others, five per cent for remittance with order or before date of shipment; two per cent ten days; net thirty days. Special terms by agreement. All quotations f. o. b. Berlin, Maryland, subject to stock being unsold upon receipt of order. All contracts and agreements are made subject to flood, drouth, fire, frost, crop failure or other causes beyond our control.

#### 10% Discount on Early Orders for Fall Shipment

Early orders are a benefit to both buyer and seller, so as a special inducement, we are offering to our customers A Discount of Ten Per Cent from catalog prices, on all orders accompanied by remittance in full, which reach us on or before August fifteenth. This is a special discount and is not in addition to the regular discounts named under "terms."

PRICES ARE F. O. B. BERLIN, MARYLAND. No extra charge will be made for packing or package on orders sold at prices quoted in this catalog. We reserve the privilege to make extra charge for packages on any orders sold at lower than Catalog prices.

NON-WARRANTY: We give no warranty expressed or implied after plants have passed beyond our control, the purchaser assuming all risk and responsibility of planting, growth and life of stock. We exercise the greatest care to keep our plants true to name and are willing at any time to replace from our own stock, on proper proof, all stock that may prove otherwise, or refund the amount paid, but it is mutually agreed that we shall not at any time be liable for a greater amount than the original cost.

COMPLAINTS: Complaints covering packing, quality or count must be made to us within five days after receipt of stock.

HARMEL PEONY COMPANY.

# Confidence and Customers

We are both pleased and grateful to be able to report that our business of 1936 again showed a substantial increase over that of any previous season. As a large proportion of this business came from old customers, we feel that they must have confidence in our ability to give them the quality and service they desire. Most sincerely, we will endeavor to merit their confidence by trying to fill all orders with true-to-name Peony roots of liberal size and best quality we are able to produce.

"When better Peonies are originated we will grow them."

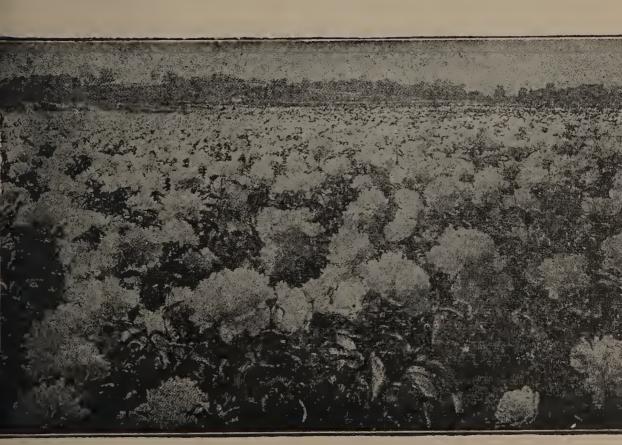
As the years have gone by, we have searched diligently for the best of the newer varieties, worthy to take their places among the best of the older varieties. So, our customers may have full confidence that the new varieties offered from year to year in our catalog will represent the best of the all too numerous list of recent introductions. Our desire is to keep our list of varieties within reasonable limits- and to include in it only those varieties which we confidently believe to be the most distinctive and beautiful in form and color, the strongest growers, and the most reliable bloomers, as well as the most generally satisfactory and profitable cut-flower varieties in existence.

May we serve you?

Sincerely,

HARMEL PEONY COMPANY

"THE LIBERAL SIZE AND FINE QUALITY OF OUR WELL BALANCED DIVISIONS WILL PLEASE YOU.



#### Best Varieties For Commercial

#### Cut-Flowers

Many varieties of Peonies, even including some of those carrying the highest ratings, because of certain peculiarities of growth or flower, are entirely unsuitable for commercial cut-flowers, and would prove to be unsatisfactory and unprofitable if planted for that purpose.

The varieties which we name below have withstood the acid test of commercial growing, where none but the most reliable and prolific bloomers are tolerated, and we can unhesitatingly recommend them for producing profitable crops of commercial cut-flowers.

Most of these varieties we can furnish in quantities of 1,000, 5,000, 10,000 or more.

(See General List for descriptions and prices.)

Adolphe Rousseau
Alexandre Dumas
Armandine Mechin
Avalanche
Baroness Schroeder
Claire Dubois
David Harum
Duchesse de Nemours
Early June
Edulis Superba
Felix Crousse
Festiva Maxima
Fontenelle
Inspector Lavergne
James Kelway
Karl Rosenfield
La Lorraine

La Perle
Livingstone
Madame Calot
Madame de Verneville
Madame Emile Galle
Madame Jules Dessert
Martha Bulloch
Mary Brand
Mons. Dupont
Mons. Jules Elie
Octavie Demay
President Taft
Primevere
Richard Carvel
Umbellata Rosea
Venus

#### A BARGAIN

(Sold only in lots of 100 or more-our selection of varieties).

For those who wish to invest only a limited amount of money in Peonies, we will select twenty each of five good cut-flower varieties, all named and properly marked, and including colors pink, red and white- and our special price is:

\$8.00 per 100

for strong three to five eye divisions

Please Note: This price is net—no discount for cash, quantity or early order will be allowed on this "Bargain" offer.

You will be pleased with our selection of varieties, and size of roots.

#### Peonies To Color

(Red sold only with equal number each of pink and white).

Strong 3 to 5 eye divisions	Less than 10	10	25 to 100
PINK (Unnamed)	.\$0.25	\$0.10	\$0.08
RED (Unnamed)	25	.10:	.08
WHITE AND FLESH SHADES (Unnamed)	25	.10	.08

Please Note: Prices on "Peonies to color" are net-no discount for cash, quantity or early order will be allowed.

# Our 26th Annual Offering Prony Aristorats

We are most fortunate that we can offer, during this our 26th year in business, what we confidently believe to be a most attractive list of well grown, selected varieties of Fine Peonies—all grown under our personal supervision, on our own eighty acre farm, maintained solely for the production of fine Peonies on a large scale.

There is a tremenduous interest in Peonies throughout the country. Whether you use Peonies for your own planting or for resale, we assure you that any order placed with us will be filled with stock that will be satisfactory to you or to your customer.

#### **New Varieties**

Let us urge you to include in your order some of the newer varieties. Each new variety offered in this catalog was selected because of real distinction and outstanding merit. (Show room ratings are not a sure test of the worth of any outdoor flower.)

We have every confidence that these newer varieties will live up to your highest expectations of them.

### DISCOUNTS ON LARGE ORDERS

300 to 499 divisions 10% 500 to 999 " 15% 1,000 or more " 20%

PLEASE NOTE: These discounts do not apply on any variety quoted in this Catalog at more than twenty cents each in lots of 25 to 100.

IMPORTANT: Discount for "cash" or "early order" do not apply when any of the above discounts are taken.

# General List

\* EARLY: Usually in bloom in time for Decoration Day.

Please note: Prices and quantities refer to each variety, and not to a combination of several varieties.

Price each in quantities of

1 3 25
Strong 3 to 5 eye divisions or to to
2 10 100

\*Adolphe Rousseau (Des. Mech. 1890) 8.5 \$0.35 \$0.25 \$0.20
Early Midseason Double Type Dark Red
Dark, lustrous red, shaded maroon. Very large.
Tall; floriferous. A handsome imposing flower, with extra long stem. Sells at fancy prices as a cut-flower.

\*Alexander Dumas (Guerin 1862) 7.1 .25 15 .10

Early Double Type Pink

Brilliant rose-pink and salmon. Medium size.

Medium height; very prolific bloomer. Largely planted for commercial cut-flowers because of its early and profuse blooming habits.

Price each in quantities of 1 3 25 or to to

10

100

Alice Harding (Lemoine 1922) 9.39 2 3.00

Strong 3 to 5 eye divisions

Midseason Double Type Delicate Flesh-Pink Guard petals flushed darker on reverse. Cupped center of long, irregular petals of creamy white. Large. Medium height; fairly floriferous. A refined and beautiful Peony, and considered by Lemoine to be his best introduction.

Alsace-Lorraine (Lemoine 1906) 8.8 .35 .25 .20

Late Midseason Double Type Pure White Center tinted cream and buff. Large. Medium height; floriferous. A Peony of fine form and unusual color. Popular. A flower that appeals to the ladies.

\*Armandine Mechin (Mechin 1880) 7.2 .25 .15 .10

Early Midseason Double Type Red
Very rich red. Medium size. Medium height;
very profuse bloomer. This variety flowers earlier than
Felix Crousse and is excellent for commercial cut-flowers.
A fine flower and deserves a much higher rating.

Atresanguinea (Calot 1850) .25 .15 .10
Midgeagen Semi double Type Rogy Magenta

Midseason Semi-double Type Rosy Magenta
Medium compact, with partly concealed stamens
at collar and center of bloom. Outer guards are streaked
with white. Medium. Medium heighth; free bloomer.
Λ reliabe and very satisfactory variety for general use.

Auguste Dessert (Des. 1920) 8.7 .50 .40

Midseason Double Type Intensely Pink
Each petal edged with a narrow silvery border.
Large. Medium height; fairly prolific bloomer. A striking new sort of unusually vivid color and wheel-like form.

Avalanche (Crousse 1886) 8.7 .25 .15 .1

Late Midseason Double Type Blush-White Very narrow crimson edges to a few petals. Large. Medium height; good bloomer. A very popular white variety suitable for commercial cut-flowers and general planting. Extra strong grower.

Ball O'Cotton (Franklin 1920) 8.8 1.00

Late Midscason Double Type White Petals incurved, faint lemon tint in center. Crimson wire edge on a few petals. Large. Medium height; moderately floriforous. Similar to Le Cygne but more reliable in many localities.

Late Midseason Double Type Pale Flesh-White Tinted cream, outer petals shaded faint pink. Very large. Tall; floriferous. One of the finest and most reliable Peonies in existence and since the price has become low, it is being largely planted for commercial cutflowers. Extra keeper in storage.

\*Cherry Hill (Thurlow 1915) 8.6 .40 .30

Very Early Double Type Maroon
With a glistening sheen, brightened by yellow
stamens. Medium size. Very tall; floriferous. The outstanding red for landscape.

Price each in quantities of 1 3 25 or to to 2 10 100 Claire Dubois (Crousse 1886) 8.7 .30 .20 .15

Late Double Type Bright Rose-Pink Almost mauve-pink. Very large. Moderately tall; fairly floriferous. Very popular and one of the best.

Cornelia Shaylor (Shaylor 1917) 9.1 1.00

Late Double Type Pale Rose Collar flesh-white, darker in center. Large. Tall; floriferous. An exceedingly impressive flower and one of Shaylor's best.

David Harum (Brand 1920) 8.4 .50 .40

Midseason Double Type Dull Rosy Crimson Globular form with broad, round guard petals. Distinct in color and form. Very large. Tall; floriferous. As striking as a mammoth American Beauty rose.

\*Duchesse De Nemours (Calot 1856) 8.1 .25 .15 .10

Early Double Type White
Center light canary-yellow, which fades white.

Large. Medium tall; very floriferous. Very dependable
and a good keeper. Many growers of commercial cutflowers find this to be their most profitable white variety.

A never failing, abundant producer of high grade flowers.

Should be used liberally in every commercial planting.

\*Early June .75 .60 .50

Very Early Double Type Rose Pink Color very distinct and attractive. Medium size. Tall; very floriferous. This is one of the very earliest Peonies, and being a strong vigorous grower and profuse bloomer, we consider it very valuable as a first-early, rose-pink commercial cut-flower which will bloom in time for Decoration Day. Stems leaved close to ground thereby allowing long stem to be cut.

\*Edulis Superba (Lemon 1824) 7.6 .25 .15 .10

Extra Early Double Type Old-Rose-Pink
Lighter collar of narrow petals. Medium size.

Tall; floriferous. Indispensable as an extra deep pink
commercial cut-flower. Should rate higher.

Edwin C. Shaw (Thurlow 1919) 9.1 1.00

Late Midseason Double Type Light Old-Rose With flesh-pink tones in center and collar. Very large. Medium height; fairly floriferous. A really fine and very lovely variety.

Ella Christiansen (Brand 1925) 8.84 2.50

Midseason Double Type Flesh Pink With salmon shading. Petals long, narrow and heavily serrated on the edges. The flower first opens cupshaped, then flat. Very large. Tall; floriferous. Irresistibly appealing.

Enchanteresse (Lemoine 1903) 8.9 .30 .20 .15

Very Late Double Type White
Lemon tints in collar and crimson wire edges to
a few center petals. Very large. Tall; floriferous. Very
late and one of the finest whites. Immense crepe-like
petals.

ern states.

Price each in quantities of

Strong 3 to 5 eye divisions

3 to 10 100

Eugene Bigot (Dessert 1894) 8.3 .15

Double Type Crimson With violet tinge, brightened by slightly silvery and numerous yellow stamens. Large. Medium height; floriferous. Generally classed among the good reds.

Felix Crousse (Crousse 1881) 8.4 .30 .20 .15 Midseason Double Type Brilliant Crimson
Even tone and silky luster. Large. Medium
height; very floriferous. One of the best and most popular
and profitable red varieties for commercial cut-flowers.
Much better than Karl Rosenfield in the middle and south-

\*Festiva Maxima (Miellez 1851) 9.3

.30 .20 .15

Double Type Prominent crimson flakes on a few central petals. Very large. Tall; floriferous. The best known white and an excellent and strong growing commercial cut-flower variety.

Florence Macbeth (Sass 1924) 8.99 2.00

Late Midseason Double Type Pale Shell-Pink Deepening toward center. Broad, flat bloom. Very Moderately tall; fairly floriferous. A beautiful flower with shell-like outer petals and center of waxy texture.

\*Fontenelle (Rosenfield 1916)

nfield 1916) .25 .15 .12 Double Type Brilliant Crimson Clear bright color. Medium size. Tall; floriferous. It possesses to an extraordinary degree the qualities of a good commercial cut-flower. Extra good keeping qualities and early blooming season, make it an extremely valuable red variety. Brings top price as a cut-flower. Similar to Karl Rosenfield but buds open much better.

Frances Willard (Brand 1907) 9.1 .40

Late Midseason Double Type Creamy White Opens pale pink, changing to creamy white, with yellow suffusion in collar. Large. Tall; very floriferous. One of the best whites.

General Gorgas (Van Leeuwen 1924) 8.50 1.00

Semi-Double Type Midseason White Distinctly shaded to rose-pink at the center with stamens intermingled in collar. A very attractive and outstanding variety that is making many friends.

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Georgiana Shaylor (Shaylor 1908) 8.9 .35 .25 Late Midseason Double Type Light Rose-Pink Pale pink on back of petals, vivid crimson marks on ring of short petals around center. Very large. Medium height; very floriferous. A wonderful variety and very popular. Generally considered as Mr. Shaylor's masterpiece.

\*Gigantea (Calot 1860) 8.2 .30

Early Midseason Double Type Clear Rose-Pink Fading to light old-rose with silver tipped petals. Very large. Tall; floriferous. Mild pleasing fragrance.

Price each in quantities of 3 25 or to to

Strong 3 to 5 eye divisions

Grace Loomis (Saunders 1920) 9.2 1.00

Double Type Late With faint lemon tints in depths of petals. Large Medium height; floriferous. Excellent form, and one of the best whites.

Grover Cleveland (Terry 1904) 8.2 .30

Double Type Bright Crimson Late Midseason Double Type Bright Crimson Clear color. Large. Medium height; floriferous. This is one of the best reds and rating is entirely too low.

Hansina Brand (Brand 1925) 9.04 2.50

Glistening Flesh-Pink Double Type With a salmon reflex shading toward the base of the petals. Very distinct. Similar to Solange in form. Very large. Tall, sure bloomer. A beautiful flower and consistent winner at shows.

Henry Avery (Brand 1907) 8.8 .35 .25

Double Type Light Pink Collar of short creamy petals tinted yellow at base. Large. Medium height; floriferous. A handsome variety of variable tints.

\*Inspecteur Lavergne (Doriat 1924) 8.67 .90 .75 .65 Double Type Vivid Crimson With frilled petals in center. Large. Tall; very floriferous. One of the very best new reds we have seen. Color shows tinge of brown and this shade is something quite new in Peonies.

.30 \*James Kelway (Kelway 1900) 8.7 .20 .15 Early Midseason Double Type Pale Pink Displaying a slight yellow tint from intermixed stamens. Very large. Tall; floriferous. A very fine variety for all purposes.

James R. Mann (Thurlow 1920) 8.7 .50 .40

season Double Type Dark Rose-Pink Streaked with crimson in center and outside of Large. Medium height; floriferous. Very at-Midseason tractive, and a color that is scarce in good Peonies.

Janes Oleson (Oleson 1926) 8.70

Double Type Strong upright grower. One of the very best new reds.

.45 .30 Jeannot (Dessert 1918) 9.2 .35

Double Type Pale Rose-Pink Deepens to old-rose in center, with a distinct overcast of pale violet. Large. Medium height; free flowering. Exquisite and delicate in color. A flower of much distinction and great beauty.

June Day (Franklin 1920) 9.07 1.50

Double Type Midseason Light Old-Rose-Pink With white outer petals; rose-bud center, showing an occasional fine narrow crimson line. Large. Medium height; free flowering. A very handsome bloom, acquiring a delicate translucent color of the utmost clearness and purity as it ages.

Price each in quantities of or 2 8 to 10 Strong 3 to 5 eye divisions 100 Karl Rosenfield (Rosenfield 1908) 8.8 .25 .15

Midseason Double Type Very Bright Crimson Clear color. Large. Tall; free flowering. A fine red for commercial and general planting in the northern states.

Katherine Havemeyer (Thur. 1921) 9.0

Double Type Light Rose-Pink Midseason With tinge of old-rose. As it develops ,the outer petals droop sharply and the inner ones incurve about a perfect rose-bud center. Large. Medium height; florif-erous. A flower of refined form and texture, in a class with the best.

Kelway's Glorious (Kelway 1909) 9.8 1.00

Midseason Double Type White With a creamy suffusion in depths, crimson streaks on outside of guard petals. Very large. Medium height; free flowering. Considered by many to be the best white Peony.

Kelway's Queen (Kelway 1909) 8.8 1.00

Late Midseason Double Type Bright Rose-Pink With flesh tones in collar and extreme center and a few red flakes. Large. Medium height; fairly floriferous. One of the finest Peonies and true stock is scarce.

La Lorraine (Lemoine 1901) 9.06 1.00

Midseason Double Type Cream-White Tinted pink, darkest in center, with yellow glow from a few buried stamens. Large. Tall; free flowering. One of the very finest Peonies in existence. True stock is very scarce. Exceptionally long keeper when cut.

La Perle (Crousse 1886) 8.5

.25 .15 .10

Midseason Double Type Light Old-Rose-Pink
With slightly darker center, prominently flaked
with red. Large. Medium height; floriferous. A very
lovely color, dainty and exquisite. Should rate higher.

Lady Alexandra Duff (Kelway 1902) 9.1 .30 Pale Blush-Pink Double Type Midseason Decidedly pink some seasons. Yellow stamens mixed with a few irregular petals in center. Large. Medium height; very floriferous. The flowers are charming and informal and the plant is very graceful. One of the

most beautiful of all Peonies.

Lamartine (Lemoine 1908) 8.4 .50

Double Type Dark Old-Rose-Pink Of distinctly violet shade, each petal bordered prayish white. Large. Medium height; very with pale grayish white. Large. Medium height; very floriferous. One of the few good dark pinks. Well liked and reliable.

\*Le Cygne (Lemoine 1907) 9.9 1.00

Early y Double Type White Tinged ivory, becoming pure white without mark-Very large. Medium height; fairly floriferous. A fine show flower when well grown, but not reliable in many localities.

Price each in quantities of 1 3 25
Strong 3 to 5 eye divisions or to to to 2 10 100
Lillian Gumm (Gumm 1921) 8.95 .60 .50

Late Midseason Double Type Deep Even Rose-Pink Outer petals very large and ruffled, center petals arranged in whorls. Very large. Tall; floriferous. One of the very largest Peonies and a beautiful shade of pink.

Livingstone (Crousse 1879) 8.1 .25 .15

Late Double Type Old-Rose-Pink Old-rose-pink, flaked on a lighter base; a few petals marked with crimson. Large. Medium height; very free flowering. A well tested, reliable variety which is good and very popular.

Lora Dexheimer (Brand 1913) 8.4 .25 .15 .12

Midseason Double Type Bright Crimson
Shows light midrib on outer petals. Large. Medium height; floriferous. Unusually good form and one of the best of the bright dark reds. This variety is on its way to wide popularity.

Loveliness (Hollis 1907) 8.8 .50 .40

Very Late Double Type Pale Flesh-Pink Color darkest about midway to center, which is flesh-white with a few red markings. Large. Medium tall; floriferous. Valued because of its high quality bloom, excellent habit and late blooming season.

\*Luetta Pfeiffer (Brand 1916) 8.7 .40 .30

Early Double Type Very Pale Pink With an occasional crimson fleck on center petals, and numerous golden yellow stamens. Very large. Tall; floriferous. Rapidly becoming a popular variety.

Mabel L. Franklin (Franklin 1920) 9.0 1.00

Midseason Double Type Brilliant Rose-Pink Collar flesh-pink; flowers regularly built but loose and graceful. Very large. Medium height; floriferous. A very handsome bloom with brilliant silvered appearance.

\*Madame Calot (Miellez 1856) 8.1 .25 .15 .10

Early Double Type Very Light Old Rose-Pink
With creamy tints in collar, and somewhat darker
center strongly marked with crimson flakes. Large. Tall;
extremely floriferous. An early, never failing, high quality
commercial cut-flower. None better for this purpose.

\*Mad. De Verneville (Crousse 1885) 7.9 .25 .15 .10

Early Double Type White
Blush-white center, with distinct crimson marks
on tips of several petals. Medium size. Medium height;
very free flowering. One of the strongest growers. A
profuse and reliable bloomer. Excellent keeper in storage
and one of the most popular varieties for commercial cutflowers. A money maker.

Mad. Emile Galle (Crousse 1881) 8.5 .25 .15 .12

Late Double Type Very Light Rose-Pink
Color deeper in center. Large. Medium height;
free flowering. About the daintiest colorings and texture
to be found in a flower. A favorite variety.

Price each in quantities of

1 3 or to 2 Strong 3 to 5 eye divisions

Mad. Jules Dessert (Dessert 1909) 9.4

Late Midseason Double Type Flesh-White Has a few stamens in depths of center, which reflect a yellow glow. Very large. Tall; floriferous. Perfect habit; thoroughly reliable; beautiful flower. Very popular and ranks among the best dozen.

Mlle. Jeanne Riviere (Riviere 1908) 8.2 .35 .25

season Double Type White and Yellow Guards pale blush-white, center shading from Midseason cream to lemon-yellow. Medium size. Tall; very floriferous. Distinctive and gaining rapidly in popularity.

Madelon (Dessert 1922) 8.47

Double Type Light Shell-Pink Late Large incurved outer petals, compact globular center with old-rose tint. Large. Strong stems. A popular new variety.

.30 .20 .15 Marie Jacquin (Verdier) 8.3

Semi-Double Type Pale Pink Midseason Changes to white with creamy tones; big cluster of yellow stamens in center. Large. Medium height; very floriferous. One of the most interesting and charming Peonies. As lovely as the finest Water-Lily which it very much resembles.

Martha Bulloch (Brand 1907) 9.1 .55 .45 .40 Double Type Bright Old-Rose-Pink With high lights of lighter rose and pink. Very large. Tall; floriferous. Perhaps the finest quality of any Peony of such immense size.

Mary Brand (Brand 1907) 8.7 .35 .25 .20
Midseason Double Type Dark, Clear Crimson Very brilliant sheen; a few yellow stamens buried in collar. Large. Medium height; very free flowering. Reliable bloomer and considered one of the best reds.

Mary Woodbury Shaylor (Sha. 1916) 9.0 .50

Late Midseason Double Type Pale Flesh-White Illumined by golden reflections from stamens; marked with strong crimson blotches on a few short petals in collar. Very large. Dwarf; very floriferous. A real aristocrat. Very beautiful and desirable variety. Foliage attractive and unusual.

Milton Hill (Richardson 1891) 9.0 .40

e Double Type Light Shell-Pink Of a luminous quality, with a few red blotches Late Light Shell-Pink on central petals. Large. Medium height; floriferous. One of the most beautiful of all Peonies.

.25Mons. Dupont (Calot 1872) 8.3 .15

Late Midseason Double Type White Yellow glow from buried stamens, and very conspicuous crimson blotches on central petals. Large. Tall; very free blooming. One of the thoroughly good Peonies which is much better than many of the new and higher rated varieties.

Very large. Tall; free bloomer. One of the popular Peonies.

\*Mons. Martin Cahuzac (Des. 1889) 8.8 .60 .50

Early Midseason. Double Type Maroon-Crimson Has silky, black luster. Large. Medium height; free flowering. The best very dark Peony and one of much distinction.

Mrs. A. M. Brand (Brand 1925) 9.04 2.00

Late Double Type Clean White Flat form, guards broad. Remarkable substance. Very large. Medium tall. A Gold Medal winner.

Mrs .C .S. Minot (Minot 1914) 9.2 1.50 1.25

Late Double Type Flesh-Pink
With copper tints on outer surface of guards,
center incurved, flesh-white in collar, cream-pink center,
sometimes with prominent crimson blotches. Very large.
Medium height; floriferous. A lovely and unusual color.
Very scarce.

Mrs. Edward Harding (Shaylor 1918) 9.3 .50 .40

Midseason Double Type White Illumined with many golden stamens. Tuft of stamens in center. Large. Medium height; free flowering. A very handsome flower of perfect form and delicate, lacy quality. Scarce.

Myrtle Gentry (Brand 1925) 9.06 2.00

Late Midseason Double Type Rosy-White Suffused with tints of flesh and salmon. A beautiful refined flower of fine form and charming color.

Nancy Dolman (Vories 1924) 8.92 2.50

Late Double Type Pale Rose-Pink
Conical form with fluted, fluffy petals, becoming
pinkish-white in center. Very large. Tall; floriferous.
A very handsome late variety.

**Nina Secor** (Secor 1922) 9.0 .80

Midseason Double Type Pure White With yellow glow in depths; semi-globular form with tulip-like center; fine crimson edge on a few central petals; guards splashed maroon. Mdium size. Medium height; floriferous. A flower of glorious form in all stages.

Nymphaea (Thurlow 1919) 8.8 .35

Midseason Double Type Creamy-White Flushed pale rose-pink. Cupped form with small tuft in center. Many stamens. Large. Water Lily type.

\*Octavie Demay (Calot 1867) 8.5 .25 .15 .12

Farly Double Type Light Old-Rose-Pink
Darker crown, splashed with few crimson markings. Collar distinct, composed of narrow petals. Large.
Very floriferous. Very dependable and attractive, resembling a very highly refined cactus dahlia. Very popular.

Price each in quantities of 1 3 25
Strong 3 to 5 eye divisions or to tc 2 10 100

Odile (Doriat 1928) 9.01 7.50

Midseason Double Type Pale Cream-White A Tourangelle brought to the point of perfection. Similar in color, far better fragrance, splendid stems, excellent grower and profuse bloomer. New, and one of the best.

\*Officinalis Rubra Plena

Very Early

Double Type Clear Red old double red Peony of our grand-

The very early, old double red Peony of our grand-mother's garden. Large. Free bloomer. No finer color in red Peonies. The best of the Officinalis varieties.

Philippe Rivoire (Riviere 1911) 9.2 1.00

Late Double Type Very Dark Crimson
With blackish sheen, symmetrically incurved center. Small. Medium height; floriferous. A winner in the show room, but not as reliable and satisfactory as several other good red varieties.

Phoebe Cary (Brand 1907) 8.8 .40 .30 .25

Very Late Double Type Pale Old-Rose-Pink

Darkening toward center. Large. Tall; floriferous. This is a flower of unusual refinement and character.

President Taft (Blaauw 1909) 8.7 .35 .25 .20

Midseason Double Type Rose-Pink

With crisp, fluffy petals of translucent texture,
notched and silvered at tips and occasionally flecked with
crimson in center. Very large. Tall; free flowering. Massive and handsome.

President Wilson (Thurlow 1918) 9.3 1.50

Late Double Type Bright Rose-Pink Paling with age, and a trifle darker in the deep cupped center. Very large. Medium height; floriferous. A perfect beauty.

Pride of Essex (Thurlow 1916) 8.9 .35 .25

Midseason Double Type Light Rose-Pink Paling to blush-white with a golden suffusion from its many stamens; central petals boldly marked with crimson. Large. Tall; floriferous. A fine and popular variety somewhat similar to Lady Alexandra Duff.

Primevere (Lemoine 1907) 8.6 .40 .30 .25

Midseason Anemone Type Canary-Yellow
Creamy-white guards with center of narrow yellow petals. Medium size. Tall; floriferous. Probably the most dependable and desirable of the "so called" yellow Peonies.

\*Richard Carvel (Brand 1913) 8.8 .35 .25 .20

Very Early Double Type Bright Crimson

Broad guards and irregular incurved high center.

Large. Tall; floriferous. The most valuable very early

red. Much in demand. Best early red for cut-flowers.

Rosa Bonheur (Dessert 1905) 9.0 .50

Late Double Type Old-Rose-Pink
With a glowing suffusion deep in its symmetrical
center, and a few lines and marks of red. Very large.
Medium height; floriferous. One of the best and most
reliable varieties. Distinct and beautiful.

Price each in quantities of Strong 3 to 5 eye divisions or to to

Rose Shaylor (Shaylor 1920) 9.1 1.25
Midseason Double Type Pale Flesh-Pink
Tinted with rose-pink, lighter at edges, creamy yellow at base of petals; center petals strongly marked at the edges with crimson. An extremely handsome flower. Very scarce. One of Shaylor's best.

\*Rosette (Dessert 1918) 8.8 .50 Early Midseason Double Type Light Shell-Pink Of a clear, fresh shade, with a ring of short petals near center tipped crimson. Large. Medium height; floriferous. A big, handsome flower and much admired.

\*Ruby (Auten 1927) 1.00

Very Early Double Type Brilliant Dark Red A few stamens. Large. Tall; very free bloomer. A new introduction by Auten which has much merit.

\*Silvia Saunders (Saunders 1921) 9.04 3.00 Extra Early Semi-Double Type Clear Rose-Pink Bright color, fading lighter toward the center, which is filled with yellow stamens. Medium size. Dwarf; very abundant bloomer. Resembles a mammoth wild rose. No variety more exquisitely beautiful.

Solange (Lemoine 1907) 9.7 (Lemoine 1907) 9.7 .40 .30 .25 Double Type Cream-White Suffused with buff and pale salmon-pink. Large. .40 .30 .25 Medium height; moderately floriferous. In a class by itself. Color is beautiful and distinct.

Souvenir De A. Millet (Millet 1924) 8.89 1.50

Midseason Double Type Bright Crimson Very brilliant full double flowers on tall bending stems. Stands hot sun well. Good bloomer. One of the best of the newer reds.

.50 .40 Old-Rose-Pink Therese (Dessert 1904) 9.8 season Double Type Old-Rose-Pink
Petals paling toward the base and illumined by a

golden glow in the depths. Very large. Medium height; floriferous. An old variety which still maintains its popularity.

Tourangelle (Dessert 1910) 9.4 .40 .30 .25 Late Double Type Pale Cream-White With a tan suffusion in the depths, toning to fleshpink in the center. Large. Medium height; floriferous. Great refinement and delicacy. One of the most beautiful or all Peonies.

\*Umbellata Rosea (Dessert 1895) 7.4 .25 .15 .10

Very Early Double Type Violet-Rose

Center of narrow amber-white petals, with occasional broad petal of violet-rose. Medium size. Medium height: yery profuse bloomer. A good landscape dium height; very profuse bloomer. A good landscape variety. Being the first of the Chinensis Peonies to bloom, it is very valuable and is being largely planted for commercial cut-flowers. Very reliable bloomer.

.35 Venus (Kelway 1888) 8.3 .25 Double Type Pale Old-Rose-Pink Midseason Large cupped guards with conical center with incurved narrow collar of notched petals. Large. Tall; free bloomer. Distinct and beautiful in bud, resembling an immense Darwin Tulip.

\*Victory Chateau Thierry (Brand '25) 8.92 2.50

Strong 3 to 5 eye divisions

Early Double Type Bright Clear Pink Cup-shaped blossoms with immense, broad, evenly arranged rounded petals of great substance. Very large. Medium height; floriferous. One of the best of the Brand varieties.

Walter Faxon (Richardson 1904) 9.3 .40 .30

Midseason Double Type Vivid Shell-Pink With a luminous intensity unique in Peonies. Medium size. Medium height; floriferous. Still rated as one of the best bright pinks.

\*William F. Turner (Shaylor 1916) 8.4 .50

Early Midseason Double Type Very Dark Crimson With a blackish sheen, mingled with yellow stamens. Large. Tall; free flowering. Ideal habit, blooms early and lasts well without burning. One of the best reds.

#### JAPANESE PEONIES

Price each in quantities of 1 3 25
Strong 3 to 5 eye divisions or to to 2 10 100

Fuyajo (Origin Unknown) 9.2 \$0.50

Midseason Japanese Type Dark Purplish-Crimson Guard petals of smooth texture and heart-shaped outline; center a cluster of dark old-rose petaloids heavily tipped with pale buff or cream. Medium size. Tall; floriferous. Very distinct and desirable.

Instituteur Doriat (Doriat 1925) 8.85 3.00

Late Japanese Type Dark Red Very brilliant. Large. Tall; free bloomer. An attractive and unusual Peony. One of the top-notchers.

\*King of England (Kelway 1902) 8.6 .40 .30 .25

Early Midseason Japanese Type Dark Red
A shade between crimson and maroon, with a dull
gloss; buff staminoides, streaked with dark rose-pink
Very large. Tall; floriferous. A handsome, vividly colored flower which is extremely popular. None better.
Wonderful keeper as cut-flower in home.

\*Kukeni Jishi (Unknown) 9.5 5.00

Early Midseason Jap. Type Delicate Flesh-Pink Large, smooth, evenly rounded guard petals of unusual substance, with satin sheen and pale rose shading on outside. Characteristic ruffled foliage. One of the handsomest and most distinct Japs.

Mikado (Japan 1893) 8.6 .50 .40

Midseason Japanese Type Dark, Dull Crimson Waved cupped petals; center broad and flat, composed of thick staminodes stained dark rose-red, edged and tipped pale buff-yellow. Medium size. Tall; very floriferous. Generally considered one of the best red Japs.

Onahama (Gumm 1926) 8.87 2.00

Midseason Japanese Type Dark Red Very large round guard petals of brilliant dark red that approaches cerise. Tall. The staminodes are the color of the guards with yellow tips and bases. The carpels are green tipped, the color of the guards. Floriferous. Very brilliant, showy flower.

Silver Plume (Andrews 1932) 3.00

Midseason Japanese Type Silvery Pink Medium tall with good stems. Large, oblong guard petals of light silvery pink, deeply notched. Large center of long petaloids, quite narrow and pointed, heavily tinted silvery pink. Carpels green, tipped white, and often tinted the color of the guards. The plumose formation of the petaloids gives the flower its name. It is very fine.

#### SINGLE PEONIES

 $\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Price each in quantities of} \\ & 1 & 3 & 25 \\ & \text{or} & \text{to} & \text{to} \\ & 2 & 10 & 100 \end{array}$ Strong 3 to 5 eye divisions 5.00 Krinkled White (Brand)

Single Type White Late The pale pink bud expands into a large flower with great, broad, pure white petals, crinkled like crepe paper. Large. Tall; floriferous. Very unusual and beautiful.

.50.40 L'Etincelante (Dessert 1905) 8.4 Midseason Single Type Very Bright Pink Each petal having a lighter, almost silvery border; stamens bright golden-yellow. Very large. Tall; floriferous. A variety which everyone loves. Very reliable and fine for use as a cut-flower in home. Wonderful keeper.

\*Le Jour (Shaylor 1915) 8.6 1.00

Early Midseason Single Type White With two rows of very long, wide, overlapping petals; center a broad ring of golden-yellow stamens. Very large. Tall; very floriferous. Very beautiful in bud. Perhaps the finest of all single whites.

#### TRY THESE VARIETIES

To answer the many inquiries we have from time to time - asking us to give a list of fine varieties of Peonies we can recommend - we name below some of the newer varieties, as well as some of the older ones - that we can recommend as being varieties that will be almost sure to please anyone who wishes to include in their planting some of the really fine and satisfactory kinds.

Adolphe Rousseau Alsace-Lorraine Enchanteresse General Gorgas Henry Avery Inspecteur Lavergne James R. Mann Janes Oleson Jeannot Kelway's Queen La Lorraine Lady Alexandra Duff Lamartime

The best single.

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#### **OUR PEONIES PLEASE**

"I received the Peony roots. They were the finest I ever received." Troy, Ohio.

"Received the plants in the best of condition. The best large divisions I have ever received from any dealer. You will hear from me in the future."

Chicago, Illinois.

"The roots have been received and I must say that they are very fine looking and I am highly pleased with them." Chattanooga, Tenn.

"Peony order shipped the 19th of September is here today, all in good shape. Those I got from you last year did fine.

Bellingham, Wash.

"Received Peony roots in due time. They are very satisfactory to me. When in need of any more Peonies, the Harmel Peony Company will get my orders. Also, my customer was well pleased with the divisions."

Monroe, New York.

"I received the shipment of Peony roots. Last year I bought a small order from you, and was very much pleased with the flowers, but I am even more so with the order that I have just received. The divisions were all excellent, and I found them superior to any others I have dealt with, even some a great deal higher in price." Atlanta, Ga.

"Your Peonies arrived and must write you to tell you that it seems that your service gets better the more orders I send in. This order contained the largest divisions that I have ever received from you and they were all nice healthy roots." Fargo, North Dakota.

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"The Peony roots ordered from you came in fine shape and were planted at once. I thank you for your prompt attention to this order, and for the generous and healthy looking plants. Next year, I hope to be able to plant the rest of the ground prepared and when I do, will certainly order from you." Riderwood, Maryland.

"The Peonics you sent me, I found in perfect condition, and they were certainly the finest I ever got from anyone."

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# Cut-Flower Demand and Profits

THE DEMAND, through the florists, for cut-flowers, increases amazingly each year, indicating that the general public is more and more becoming convinced that the Peony stands supreme as THE cut-flower of its season, and with millions of people in our country who do not yet know the beauty and satisfaction of the modern Peony, this demand will be sure to continue to increase for many years to come.

EXCELLENT PROFITS are being made from large plantings of Peonies of varieties especially adapted to commercial cut-flower production. We have customers whose net profits per year have exceeded One Thousand Dollars per acre. About 2,700 to 5,000 plants are required to set an acre. Plant an acre to Peonies—it should prove to be the most profitable acre you own.

We have devoted twenty-six years to learning the most profitable and satisfactory Peonies for commercial cut-flower planting, and in building up adequate stocks of these varieties to supply our customers.

WE SELL LARGE ORDERS EACH YEAR TO SOME OF THE HEAVIEST BUYERS OF PEONIES AND WE FEEL THAT OUR PEONIES WILL ALSO PLEASE YOU.

# Suggestions for Planting

WHEN TO PLANT: Peonies should be planted in the fall, and are equally successful when planted at any time from September first until the ground freezes too deep to allow planting.

LOCATION: Select a good soil and a location for your Peonies that is well drained, and which will be in full sun at least part of the day. Avoid planting in low wet ground, close to buildings or large trees or among too much shrubbery. Do not plant Peonies in very sandy soil—they are not likely to succeed.

PREPARATION OF SOIL: Soil should be well prepared by plowing or spading and cultivating to a depth of eight inches or more and allowed to settle for a few days prior to setting the roots. An application of raw ground bone (bone meal) thoroughly mixed with the soil at planting time, will supply sufficient plant food for a year or two. A top dressing of hardwood ashes, applied in early spring, would assist in quick root development. Do not use fresh manure about Peonies.

SETTING THE PLANTS: Set the roots, after all labels have been removed, in the prepared soil, in their natural position, eyes or buds up, and at a depth so that the eyes will not be over two inches below the surface after the soil and the roots have settled. Work the loose soil carefully around the roots, packing it firmly to hold the roots in position. The common mistake is planting too deeply. Watch and see that the eyes are not more than two inches below the surface. The roots should be spaced three to four feet apart.

On some types of soil, a light covering of straw or leaves for the first winter will prevent the newly set roots from heaving out because of alternate freezing and thawing. Carefully remove covering of straw or leaves from directly over the plants, in early spring, before Peonies come through the ground. When Peonies are up a few inches, cultivate thoroughly and often throughout the growing season.

COMMERCIAL PLANTINGS. For permanent cut-flower planting rows may be four feet apart, plants three feet apart in the row, or  $3\frac{1}{2}$  x  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet will be preferred by some, with new eyes two inches below the surface of the ground. Some growers plant as close as  $3 \times 3$  feet. and others  $4 \times 4$  feet.

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